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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CODEL WAXMAN TO DAMASCUS

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OUR COMMENT IN REF (A) THAT VISIT "LEFT MUCH TO BE
DESIRED IN WAY OF APPOINTMENTS WITH SYRIAN POLITICAL
LEADERSHIP" MEANT ONLY THAT APPOINTMENTS WE HAD REQUESTED
FOR CODEL WITH PRESIDENT ASAD, BAATH PARTY COMMAND, AND PRESIDENT'S
POLITICAL ADVISOR, DAOUDI, WERE UNABLE TO BE ARRANGED. HE DID NOT,
THEREFORE, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON
POLITICAL SUBJECTS WITH ANY SYRIAN OFFICIAL HIGHER THAN
DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY. ACTUALLY,
OFFICE OF PROTOCOL HAD ADVISED US BEFORE CODEL'S ARRIVAL
THAT MEETING WITH MEMBER(S) OF COMMAND WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
AND THAT AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT ASAD EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.
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